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Nov. 15

Dear Setty:

Thanks for the report and your
address - INS and other services have
been trying to get your photograph to
you - on account of some auditions
you are reported to have discovered.

I thought you got your
degree last quarter - hence I didn't
think of it till your note came. It
is too late for this quarter since
the program is all printed etc. - but
will see that you are on the June
list. My apologies -

The report looks as if

you are having a fine season -
hope it continues. Let us hear from
you - our best to June.

Regards
Jed

ill pass
it around -

2 Ellwood Street,
New York 34, N.Y.
27 August 1953

Dear Scotty,

It's my turn to have a red face - after all your efforts in sending along drawings, etc., of your Tamaulipas material, I have had little time to more than scan them. We too had our four ring circus in MC. In a nutshell, came back East in Spring to leave kids with Mom, and tried to bring the fossil skull along - the pillar to post technique was used, so I came without it, except for great assurances, etc., in typical fashion. Returned to MC and finished 12 tests at Aztahuacan (the fossil site where you visited) and gave up. No pre-ceramic horizon per se, and apparently mixed cultural levels inside the water-hole - how the old fossil got there only he and his girlfriend know.... Well, in despair we let it go at that. Got points of basalt, and few implements, but all with ceramics, except in one small test which hasn't given sufficient quantity to tie in the spoil stuff typologically.

Anyway, we went on with our surface recon. Nena ran into a beautiful Teotihuacan site on the east side of Xico, near Chalco, with much post-fired paint stuff, burial urns, negative pottery, carved ware, etc., etc. Very important at this distance from Teotihuacan, and there is Tzakol type basal angle in the black-ware, which shows lowland Maya ties, and at least confirms the extensive trade postulated by Kidder, and others for the Teotihuacan III period. The ejido officials weren't too cooperative so we only dug for two days. Don & Carmen Leonard (know them?) of the Escuela Nacional had become friendly with us after we unloaded Espejo, and I invited them to participate in the digging at Xico. Well, they turned, as they all seem to do down there, and gave ^{us} a rough time with the Xico material toward the end of our stay when I was arranging permits. I think the best policy with the Mexican gang there, is to say nothing, and trust none of them. Anyway, they finally left us alone, and Nena and I dug the other site I had originally planned to work, Chalco. To our delight and surprise we ended up with seven meters (nearly) of cultural deposit. It ran in to quite a bit of money, and Grandma was pretty tired with our kids, so we called a halt when we finished at Chalco, washed and organized our material and returned to the U.S. about mid-July. Mother has been operated since, and we moved back to our apartment only last Friday. So you can see the state we have been in.

It was the Leonard's, she the editor of Tlatoani, who were pushing me into publishing an article in said journal on the fossil find, and since writing you I decided against any such move at the moment, in view of Don Pablo's outright unwillingness to cooperate in any way. They want the stuff, but I'm going to publish it before they get the lithic material. I trust ^{all} this is in confidence, but feel you should be forewarned for future dealings. Anyway, we have to get back to MC sometime, and I am wondering now whether or not to bat out a book thesis and get my degree while the grant requests are percolating, and before returning to Mexico. So just now I am undecided.

Your letter of May 15th refers to the Doherty Foundation - unfortunately they work as do most of the outfits - applications in by January, decision to be known by May of the same year. No direct approach is considered here, and I've checked on it, in connection with an extension of my own just recently. I am just now doing some research on possibilities for grants, the small indirectly approached outfits, and if anything falling into your requirements is indicated, I will let you know. I have four letters out now, and am awaiting answers.

I'd like to know Kelley's reaction to the recent "Facts & Comments" contribution(?) by jughead Lorenzo in the last American Antiquity on the fluted point found by Kelley in Durango. Just another example of the kind of individual one must deal with in Mexico. I know they've been working likd mad on my fossil couple but they never inform or consult me on it. Only continue asking if the C-14 tests have been made, and that because they cost money to run.

As I say it's a hell of a time to answer your letters, but, though undecided as yet, I would like very much to know if your offer to join you this winter might possibly be open - I know you have been after another man, or perhaps have already found someone. In any event, let me know, and if you could give me an idea of the salary and other arrangements I would appreciate it for my own planning. Needless to say, I think it would enjoyable as hell to work a season with you, I'd set Nena up in Mexico to work on our stratigraphy, and now and then maybe we could get down for a whirl in the dark dance-spots of Mexico City. Well, it's a thought or two anyway, and I'd like to hear what the possibilities might be.

Again, Scotty, thanks for your info, drawings etc. Both Nena and I are glad that we were able to show you a little fun last winter, but it was great for us too. Best luck, and let me know the score when you have a chance.

Sincerely,

George

SUGGESTED LIST OF AVAILABLE ILLUSTRATIONS

1. Block diagram of site showing where and how dug and indicating stratigraphy and section.
 2. Plan of excavated area.
 3. Profiles, (many available).
 - a. East and west thru mound.
 - b. North and south thru mound.
 - c. Idealized profile.
 4. Zinc etching of pen and ink sketches of artifacts in one or two plates.
 5. Photographs;
 - a. General view of site showing ridge and swamp.
 - b. Picture of cooking pits with rocks.
 - c. Picture of pits without rocks.
 - d. Flexed burial, (not very good needs retouching).
 - e. Partly flexed burial, (very poor and needs drastic retouching to be acceptable).
- Suggest include map of state of Illinois showing section where site is located, plus a map of the area of the site in detail showing specific location of site in relation to rivers etc.

Mac Neish is on trip and will be back in Chicago sometime during the week of May 1.

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